

community she lives in and works in across the states of Mississippi and Tennessee. She is well known for her savory and healthy meals, even giving food to strangers. No one goes hungry around her. She has been and continues to be the unbeatable family cook for over 70 years.

Ruth has lived in the Desoto County area and has been a contributing citizen for at least 65 years of her life. As a matter of fact, the home that she currently lives in was the last home that her father Gedie built, and where she and her siblings were born.

JACOB LEWIS

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last Sunday, I had the honor of attending the Olympiad at Beth Israel congregation in remembrance of the 50-year anniversary of the Munich massacre. Jacob Lewis was nominated to receive the Olympiad Student Athlete Award at the event. Jacob is the Valedictorian of Millville High School's Class of 2022, which has a total of 378 students. As well as excelling in academics, he is also involved in many extra-curricular activities. Jacob is a student-athlete who earned eight varsity letters on both the boys' soccer and tennis teams. In the fall, he will continue his academic and athletic careers at the University of Pennsylvania. Jacob should be very proud of all his accomplishments, and I wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors. God Bless Jacob, and God Bless our United States of America.

RECOGNIZING JAIME SHIMEK ON HER DEPARTURE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise as Chair of the Appropriations Committee, and on behalf of the Members of the Committee and its staff, to pay tribute to Jaime Shimek after her nearly 20 years of Federal service.

Hailing from Washington State, Jaime began her career as an intern for Representative Norm Dicks and as a staffer for Senator MARIA CANTWELL. She then served as Washington Senator PATTY MURRAY's Senior Policy Advisor for eight years, handling the appropriations and energy, agriculture, and water portfolios. Jaime left Congress, moving over to the Department of Energy where she served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Senate Affairs before serving as the Director of Federal Affairs at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

She then came back to Congress and joined the Appropriations Committee, where she has served for the past five years, including as Clerk of the Energy and Water Development Subcommittee since 2017.

Madam Speaker, during her time with Appropriations, Jaime has been an invaluable asset to the Members of the Committee and myself. She has a profound technical under-

standing of the full scope of the Subcommittee's jurisdiction, ranging from water infrastructure projects across the country to nuclear weapons to energy and science programs. She has been at the helm of the responsible investments we have made in the past several years to strengthen our energy independence, diversify our energy sources, fight climate change, rebuild our water infrastructure, and create green jobs.

I know I do not just speak for myself when I say we will miss Jaime greatly on this team. Jaime's hard work and her dedication to the Appropriations Committee and Congress have made her an incredible asset. I look forward to her future endeavors in her home state of Washington at a Department of Energy national lab and congratulate her on her career. The Appropriations Committee, and our entire Nation are indebted to Jaime and grateful for her service.

H.R. 2020, THE POST-DISASTER ASSISTANCE ONLINE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD a letter I've sent to Chairman DEFAZIO of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee regarding H.R. 2020, the "Post-Disaster Assistance Online Accountability Act," sponsored by Representative GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES,
Washington, DC, June 21, 2022.

Hon. PETER A. DEFAZIO,
Chairman, House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN DEFAZIO: I write concerning H.R. 2020, the "Post-Disaster Assistance Online Accountability Act," sponsored by Representative González-Colón. The Financial Services Committee received an additional referral on this bill but has not formally foregone any further consideration of the bill because we were unfortunately not given sufficient time to review it prior to it being brought to the floor on suspension. While I support the apparent purpose of this legislation, I am concerned that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have not been consulted for their opinion or technical drafting assistance on this legislation when they will play key roles in implementing this bill.

I have shared the text of this legislation with both HUD and FEMA and requested their input. I would appreciate your cooperation in addressing any concerns from these agencies and integrating any technical drafting changes they suggest as you work to move this bill in the Senate. My staff will be in touch as they receive feedback from these agencies.

I will be submitting a copy of this letter in the Congressional Record and I look forward to working with you on this and other issues where our Committees cross paths.

Sincerely,

MAXINE WATERS,
Chairwoman.

IRENE JACOBSON

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of attending Irene Jacobson's 105th birthday celebration. Irene was born in April of 1917 in Boston, Massachusetts. After completing secretarial courses at Boston schools, she began her career as a secretary. Then, in 1937, Irene was set up on a blind date where she met her husband, Simon. In June of 1939, Irene and Simon got married and eventually had three children. During her time as a stay-at-home mom, Irene began her first volunteer effort where she worked on John F. Kennedy's first political campaign. In 1961, Irene and Simon moved their family to Vineland, South Jersey, where they made many friends, were actively involved in their synagogue, and generously contributed to the South Jersey community. In 2010, Irene won the Nutrition Award through my Joint Legislative Commendation efforts during my time in the New Jersey State Senate. Additionally, in 2017, she was recognized by the Cumberland County Freeholders for her service. Currently, Irene is a member of The Sons of Jacob Synagogue in Vineland and the Alliance Synagogue in Norma. She also enjoys spending time with family, reading, watching movies, and word puzzles. Irene should be proud of her service to the South Jersey community, and it was my honor to have had the opportunity to attend her birthday celebration. God Bless Irene, and God Bless our United States of America.

FEDERAL RESERVE RACIAL AND ECONOMIC EQUITY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. PETE AGUILAR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Mr. AGUILAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2543 and thank Chairwoman WATERS for assembling this legislation.

I would like to highlight a critical provision of the bill, the Expanding Financial Access for Underserved Communities Act. As a former employee of a credit union, I understand that joining a credit union can provide Americans with invaluable financial opportunities.

However, unlike other depository institutions and financial services providers, not everyone in America can join a credit union. The Chairwoman's bill, and this package, help to mitigate that issue by allowing federally chartered credit unions the opportunity to apply to provide services for low-income, underserved and rural communities, where financial services are unfortunately limited to a payday lender or pawnshop. Nothing in this bill precludes any other financial services provider from serving these communities, and credit unions should not be restricted either.

I have seen firsthand the affordable and dependable services credit unions provide, and how they exist to change the lives of their members. Let us continue to work together to bring more common-sense solutions to America's unbanked.

HONORING DEBORAH "DEBBIE"
BEAHAN FOR HER DEDICATION
IN SERVING HUDSON FALLS

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Deborah "Debbie" Beahan for her years of service to the Hudson Falls community. Debbie spent much of her professional life working for Washington County and volunteering for several community organizations. Her dedication to her work and community has made a profound impact on Hudson Falls.

Debbie was born and raised in Ticonderoga, New York and 1974, she moved to Hudson Falls. She worked for Washington County for 32 years. For 20 years, she worked for the Department of Motor Vehicles, which honored her in 1999 for her contributions to the community. After her time at the Department of Motor Vehicles, Debbie worked in the County Clerk office, serving as Deputy Clerk for 8 years and as County Clerk for 4 years.

In addition to her career in public service, Debbie has volunteered at the Senior Center of the Kingsbury & Fort Edward Area, Inc. for the past 9 years. She is the president of the board of directors at the center and is a vital part of their daily operations. During the pandemic, Debbie's work was especially critical, as she made sure the members were kept up to date on all pressing matters related to COVID-19. She also helped to install the "My Senior Center" software program that reports membership, personnel, events, meals, and transportation statistics for the center.

Debbie got her start as a volunteer with the Special Olympics in the 1980s as a bowling and track and field coach. She also served as treasurer of the Washington County Republican Committee Women's Club, was involved with the heart fund, and participates in the Public Health Committee for employees. Due to all her years of hard work and dedication, it is no surprise that Washington County is honoring Debbie for her incredible service as a part of Older Americans Month. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I thank Debbie for her dedication to the Hudson Falls community and wish her all the best in future endeavors.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF AMERICAN LEGION
KARL ROSS POST 16

HON. JERRY McNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Mr. McNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the American Legion Karl Ross Post 16 in Stockton, California on the 100th anniversary of its founding.

For the last century, the Karl Ross Post has provided assistance and fellowship to Stockton's many veterans and promoted patriotism in the community at-large. Their Honor Guard has marked the interment of many veterans with the dignity and ceremony they deserve—helping their families and our community to recognize their contributions to our peace, freedom, and security.

Through the ceremonies the Karl Ross Post organizes—often in conjunction with other veterans' organizations—our community remembers and recognizes the sacrifices veterans have made, and better appreciates the blessings of the liberties and freedoms that we hold dear.

Along with the strong role the Karl Ross Post has played locally, it has also had a national reach. Every American veteran has been touched by the efforts of Warren Atherton, who rose from Commander of the Karl Ross Post to National Commander of the American Legion, where he worked with Francis Sullivan to draft the G.I. Bill of Rights.

Today, the Karl Ross Post and its members continue their tradition of promoting patriotism and assisting a new generation of combat veterans as they re-enter civilian life.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the American Legion Karl Ross Post 16 and its century of service to our veterans, our community, and our Nation.

DAWSON MOORE

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, this month, I had the honor of attending Dawson Moore's Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony. Dawson graduated from Middle Township High School last year and is a part of Cape May Court House's Troop 65. For his Eagle Scout project, he refurbished the Goshen Therapeutic riding ring at the Cape May County equestrian facility, which allows participants to experience the benefits of horseback riding while working on their own personal challenges. Dawson replaced the fencing around the riding ring, which was in desperate need of repair. He should be proud of his project, and it was my honor to recognize him for his service to the South Jersey community. I wish Dawson the best of luck on his future endeavors. God Bless Dawson, and God Bless our United States of America.

HONORING THE PUBLIC SERVICE
OF JON BOUGHTIN

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak on behalf of Jon Boughtin, an exceptional staffer and someone I'm proud to have called a partner.

Jon was the very first Director of Member Services for the New Democrat Coalition. In this role, he worked every day to build a strong coalition made up of effective members of Congress. His work demonstrated a commitment to getting good things done for the American people—and to helping every member of our coalition do that too. Beyond that, Jon fostered a community of leaders that resembled a family more than a caucus. I consider myself lucky that he held the role during my Chairmanship of the Coalition.

We talk a lot in the New Dems about delivering for Americans and getting results in Con-

gress. But that doesn't just happen. It takes hard work and a commitment to do the tough work of finding common ground. That's what Jon's all about. He always challenged the New Dems to keep the concerns of our friends and families back home front and center. His dedicated work to provide resources to our members and staff empowered our members to make a real, tangible difference on a host of issues—from inflation to workforce development. I knew I could always turn to Jon for candid advice, smart analysis, and creative solutions. His sense of humor wasn't half bad either.

For Jon, working for the New Dems wasn't just a paycheck. It was a mission. And thanks to him, our Coalition has never been stronger. Though I'm sad to see him go, I wish him luck in his new role. To Jon—as well as to his family, from whom we borrowed Jon on many late nights and weekends—I offer my congratulations, my best wishes, and my sincere thanks for years of service.

RECOGNIZING THE COMMUNITY
SERVICE AND ACHIEVEMENTS
OF KEITH MOSKOWITZ

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Keith Moskowitz from Vero Beach, Florida, a constituent who has earned distinction for his dedication to ensuring safe communities and for his commitment to making a difference in the lives of others by investing in people and creating opportunity.

Keith started his first job when he was only eight years old and since then has worked hard and owned many businesses. Being called to serve others, Keith put his businesses on hold and joined the New York City Police Department. Over the course of his 15-years of service Keith received over 60 awards for his excellent police work, including meritorious and bravery medals. He earned two promotions and led an investigative squad focusing on domestic violence, burglary, and homicides. On September 11, 2001, Keith was on duty in downtown Manhattan when the Trade Center was attacked and worked tirelessly to assist people in getting to safety.

In June 2006 Keith retired from the NYPD and relocated to Florida where he once again joined the private sector building a string of successful small businesses in the automotive and home repair industries which he grew to include more than 20 employees. Keith's philanthropic nature has benefited his community as he has given much of his time and resources to local schools, local governments, and people in need of assistance.

Recognized by the governor of Kentucky, Keith was awarded the distinguished Kentucky Colonel designation for his continued investments in people and the communities in which he has served. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Keith Moskowitz for his dedication to community service, courageous acts, and generous spirit.